Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—My question is whether the copyists who have put in less than 10 years service have been requesting Government to pay them pension ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not have that information.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government consider their representation sympathetically ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That will be considered.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Are the copyists of the other integrated areas also included in the answer ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This is only with regard to old Mysore.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Sir, the question is in respect of the whole State.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It has been said that this was adopted from 1st January 1949. On that day there was only the old Mysore State and not the present Mysore State.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—What does Government propose to do with regard to the copyists in the other integrated areas ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I cannot say offhand.

Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in Kolar District.

Q.—198. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies and the number of them functioning in Kolar District ;

(*b*) the number of Societies now dealing in sale of rice and distribution of short-term and medium-term loans ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self Government) [on behalf of SRI S. NIJALINGAPPA, (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) 128 and 104 respectively.

(*b*) 20 societies are dealing in sale of Government rice, 58 societies are dispensing short term credit and out of these 18 societies are dispensing medium term credit also.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Supplementary to (*a*)—It is stated in the reply that out of the 128 societies 104 are functioning. May I know the steps taken to revitalise the remaining societes ?

*Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH.—Necessary steps are taken by the Department.

Use of D. D. T. as Insecticide for Preservation of Foodgrains.

Q.—628. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mysore).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that insecticides such as D.D.T. is used by the merchants in Mysore, Bangalore and other places for preservation of foodgrains ;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that the Central Food Research Institute examined the Food Analyst of the Mysore City Municipality and the results showed that such preservation of foodgrains was highly injurious to the health of the public ;

(*c*) if so, the steps they have taken to prevent the using of harmful insecticides for preservation of foodgrains ?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Health).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Health Officer, Mysore City, was requested to seize the samples and get them analysed. The merchants were advised to desist from using D.D.T. and to use Ethylene-dibromide.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Supplementary to (*c*). May I know what steps Government have taken for Bangalore City ?

*Sri R. M. PATIL.—This was detected only in Mysore and so there is no necessity of asking the Bangalore Health Officer to take any steps.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I know whether Government have got the foodgrains at Bangalore examined by the Chemical Analyser ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The records do not give any information about any analysis of foodgrains in Bangalore.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—May I know whether Government are contemplating any legislation to prevent such use of D.D.T. for preservation of foodgrains ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—No such legislation is contemplated.

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Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—What exactly is the chemical that is used in Bangalore for the protection of foodgrains ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—So far as Bangalore is concerned, I have no information. But the use of this Ethylene-de-chloride has been in vogue for a long time.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Government taken action under the Public Health Act ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Against whom ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Against those who used DDT.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—No action has been taken.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is there no provision under the Public Health Act to take action ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—There is provision. It has not come to notice that they have used with a wrong motive. Therefore, no action has yet been taken.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—My question is: Is using injurious chemicals to protect foodgrains not an offence under the Public Health Act and what action has the Government taken ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—If it is intentional, Government will take action. When it has been done out of ignorance, Government will have to consider.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—If the merchants are not hoarding, what is the need for insecticides ? The food should have moved to the consumer.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It is better that my friend asks the merchants.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—It is said that this DDT is used as insecticide. May I know what the Government intend to do with those foodgrains ? Did the Government seize the foodgrains in question ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The Government did not seize them. As a matter of fact, samples were taken and examined and found they were dangerous and ultimately some instructions were given not to use those foodgrains.

Sri A. R. KARISIDDAPPA.—My question is, was that foodgrain seized by the Government ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—No, samples were taken.

Sri G. DUGGAPPA.—After the chemical examination, did the Government find the foodgrains to be fit for human consumption ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I have answered it. It is unfit for human consumption. A much greater quantity was mixed. It was stated to be 7 parts. When it was examined, it was found to be 250 parts. Therefore it was dangerous. Therefore, they were advised to be careful.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Was the Department of Health consulted before the DDT was used by the merchants, Sir ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Unfortunately no.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has said that it was practically dangerous to the consumers. What steps did the Government take in order to prevent that food being used by the people ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—It has already been answered. My Hon'ble friend has not followed me.

AN HON'BLE MEMBER.—Are there any cases of illness as a result of using such foodgrains ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That was not reported.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಮಂಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲೂಗೆಡ್ಡೆ, ದವಸಗಳು ಮುಂತಾದುವನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡಲು ಹೀಗೆ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಅಥವಾ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯದ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—If there are complaints, Government is always ready to investigate and ultimately take action.

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know whether it is a fact that because rates are multiplying at a faster rate, DDT had to be used by the merchants ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I do not know. As a matter of fact insecticides are there and therefore they have been used without a thorough knowledge of their effect. When once they are aprised of it, I do not think they will repeat it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ಜನಾರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜನರು ಈ ಔಷಧವನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—For how long these merchants have been using the DDT for preservation of food ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I do not know.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—When did that come to the notice of the Government. ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That was on 20th January 1956.

Sri A. R. BADRI NARAYAN.—Did the Government take immediate action Sir ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Undoubtedly.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Do the Government think of making wide publicity to use Ethylene-de chloride in place of DDT and educate people in the interest of the health of the public ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.— I will go through the records. If there is no action taken as yet, I will issue instructions.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that merchants who were using were 'advised' not to use them. Will mere advice on the part of the Government ensure the prevention of its use ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—What is the opinion of the Hon'ble Member ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I want to know the opinion of the Government.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—When it was done through ignorance without the knowledge of the necessary chemical complications, they were given proper advice, because they did in ignorance. And if they pursue it, it is the duty of the Government to consider what action to take when it is intentional. Necessary action will be taken if they do it irrespective of the advice given by the Government.

Conversion of Guest Houses as Residential Quarters to Members, Legislative Assembly.

Q.—634. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Mysore).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of Guest Houses that have been converted into residential quarters and the number of Assembly members that are being accommodated in them during the Assembly Session;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken on lease building No. 1 J K. L., Sydney Road, Bangalore, for the said purpose as a Guest House;

(*c*) if so, the monthly rent that is being paid;

(*d*) the number of Assembly members that could be accommodated in that building;

(*e*) whether additional nissen huts were put up in the premises of "Sudarshan" Guest House for accommodating the members;

(*f*) if so, the cost of construction of these huts ?

A—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government) [On behalf of Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) No buildings are specifically built as Guest Houses Howe er, four